

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Summer START

Summer 2016

Summer START is an accelerated summer program designed to assist new incoming students with a smooth transition to NC State University through 6 weeks of campus programming and academic courses.

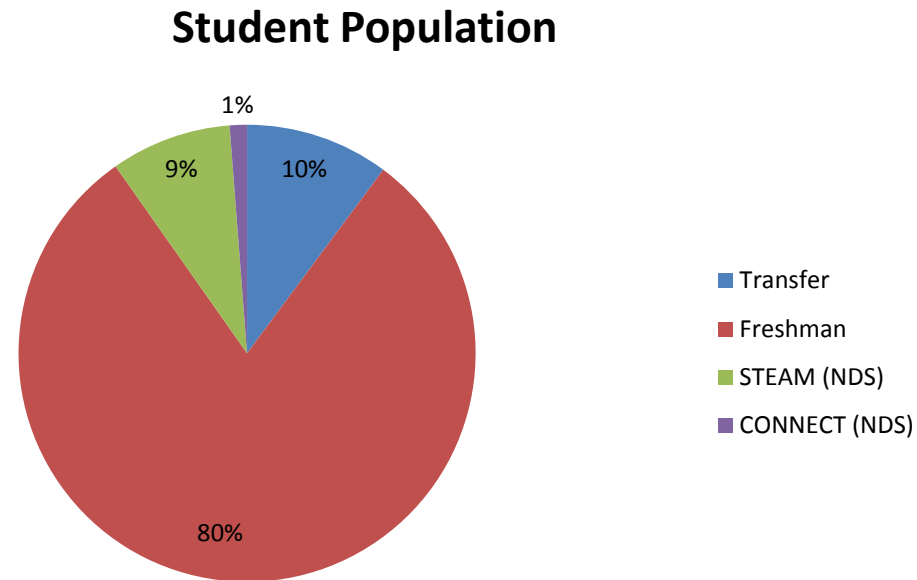
Our mission is to prepare new students to succeed academically, professionally and personally through a smooth transition to NC State University. Through an interactive and engaging summer academic experience, Summer START provides an opportunity for new students to develop the skills and behaviors needed to be successful in the university setting and thrive in an intimate and supportive community of their peers.

The following information provides demographic, academic and student experience information on the Summer START 2016 cohort.



The following data does not include CONNECT or STEAM students.

During the summer of 2016, we had a total of 246 students participate with the Summer START program.

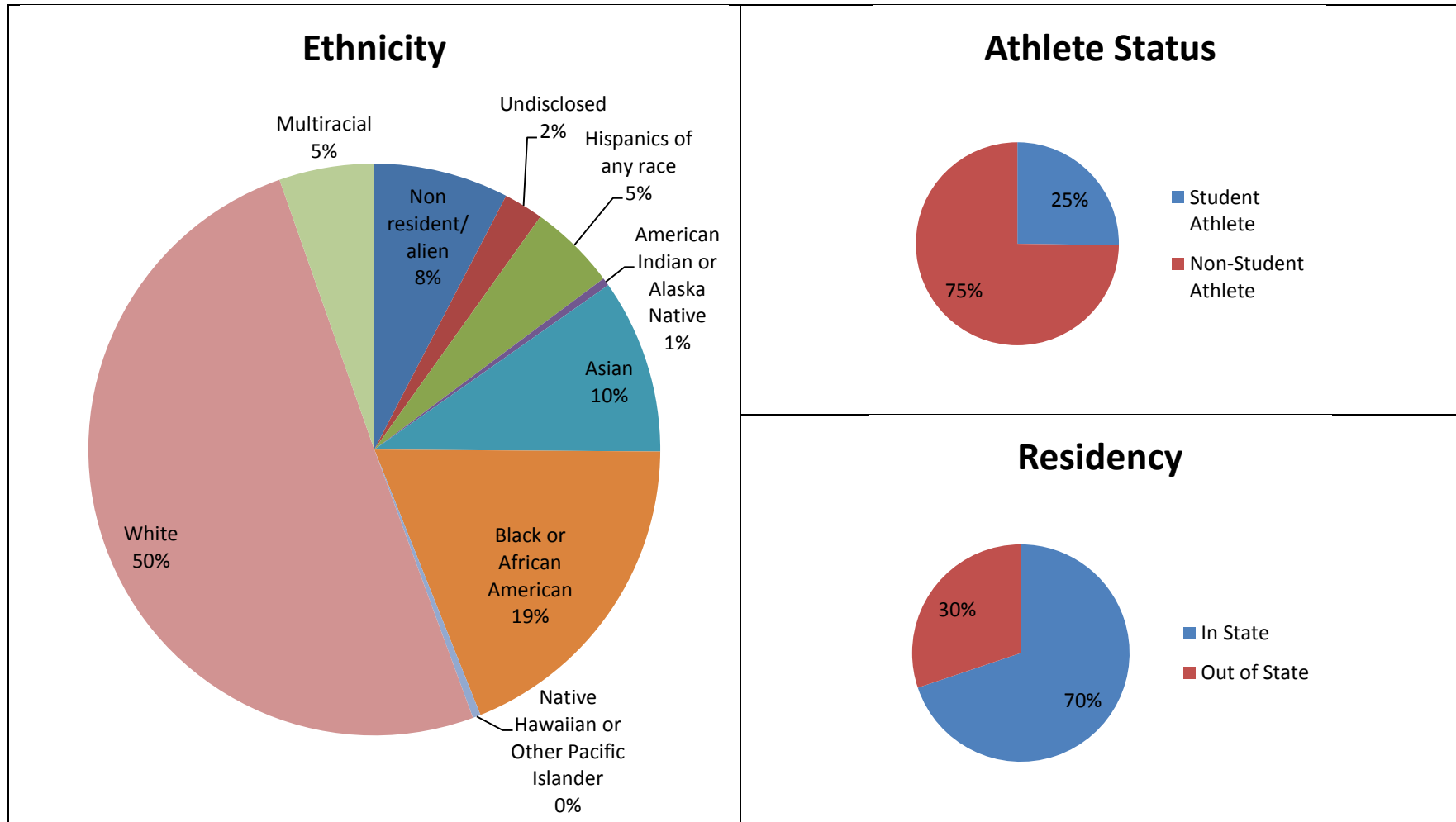


The STEAM program is designed to help make higher education more accessible to North Carolina students interested in agriculture. The STEAM program is an alternative admissions pathway for rural North Carolina students interested in pursuing an agriculturally-related major.

CONNECT is an alternative admissions pathway program designed to help make higher education even more accessible to students interested in the Forestry and Environmental Resources degree programs.

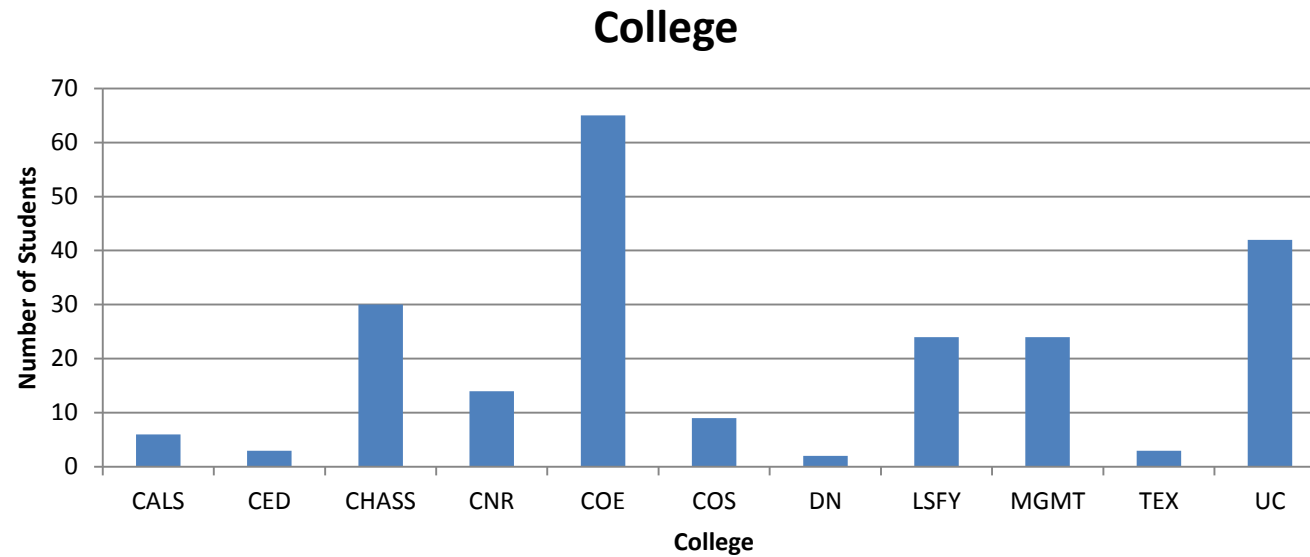
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Demographics



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Demographics cont.



Trends from 2015 to 2016

- The number of students from CNR has increased by 100% (doubled)
- The number of students from MGMT has increased by 60%
- The number of students from University College has decreased by 22%

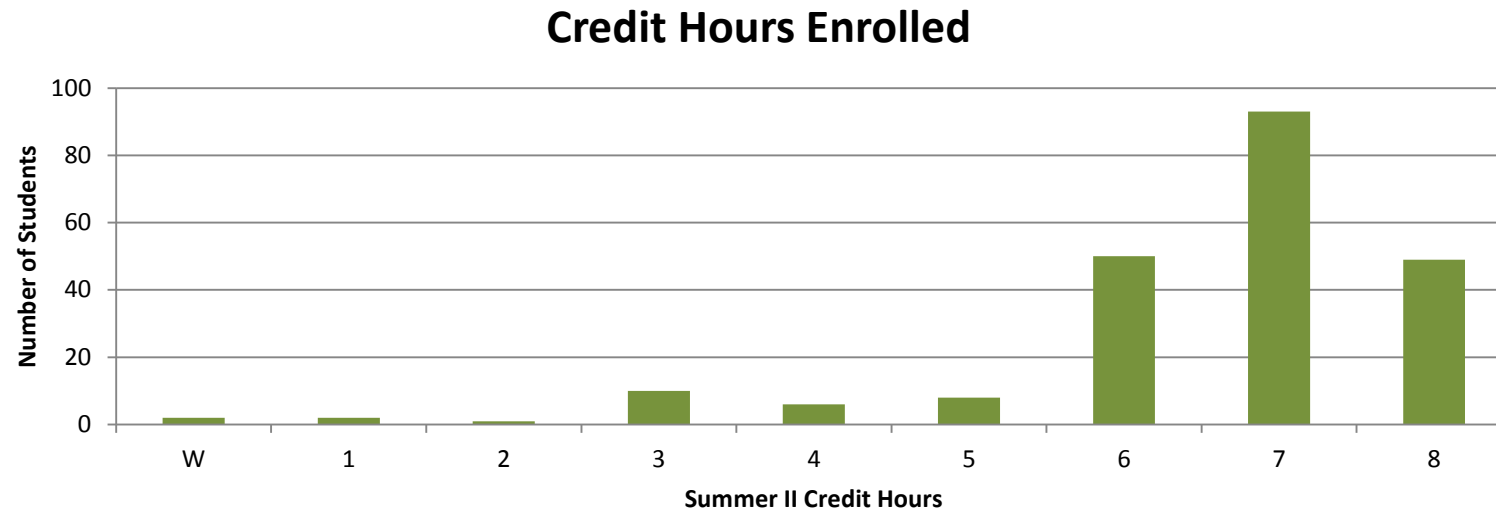
*All other colleges have experienced similar numbers over the past two years.

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Academics

Average GPA (unweighted): 3.42

Average Credit Hours Taken: 6.6



92.4% of students agreed that their summer courses were appropriate in assisting with the transition to college.

86.4% of students stated having a better understanding of the academic skills needed to succeed in college.

83.3% of students agree that participation in Summer START courses will help them interact with professors in the future.

*Data collected from Summer START 2016 Post Survey

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Class	Number of Summer START Students	Average GPA of START Students
ANT 252	3	3.78
ANT 261	3	2.33
BIO 181	13	3.22
CH 101	31	2.93
CH 102	31	4.21
CH 111	9	3.26
COM 110	54	3.84
E 115	35	S/U credit (94.3% pass rate)
EC 201	21	3.43
ENG 100	20	3.16
ENG 101	44	3.19
FLE 101	14	3.83
GC 120	8	3.58
LSC 101	16	4.0
MA 101	3	4.0
MA 107	9	3.19
MA 111	15	3.42
MA 121	4	3.59
MA 141	14	3.45
MA 241	5	2.89
MIE 201	4	2.58
PHI 205	5	3.20
PRT 152	5	3.73
PS 201	5	3.4
PS 236	3	3.33
PSY 200	19	3.39
PY 205	5	3.4
SOC 202 (excludes online section)	34	3.53
USC 100	59	4.05

*Only classes with more than 2 students are included in the above table. The above figures only represent the Summer START student population and not the overall class enrollment/average. Numbers are included across multiple sections of a course number. In calculation of average GPA, A+ was given a 4.3 numerical value.

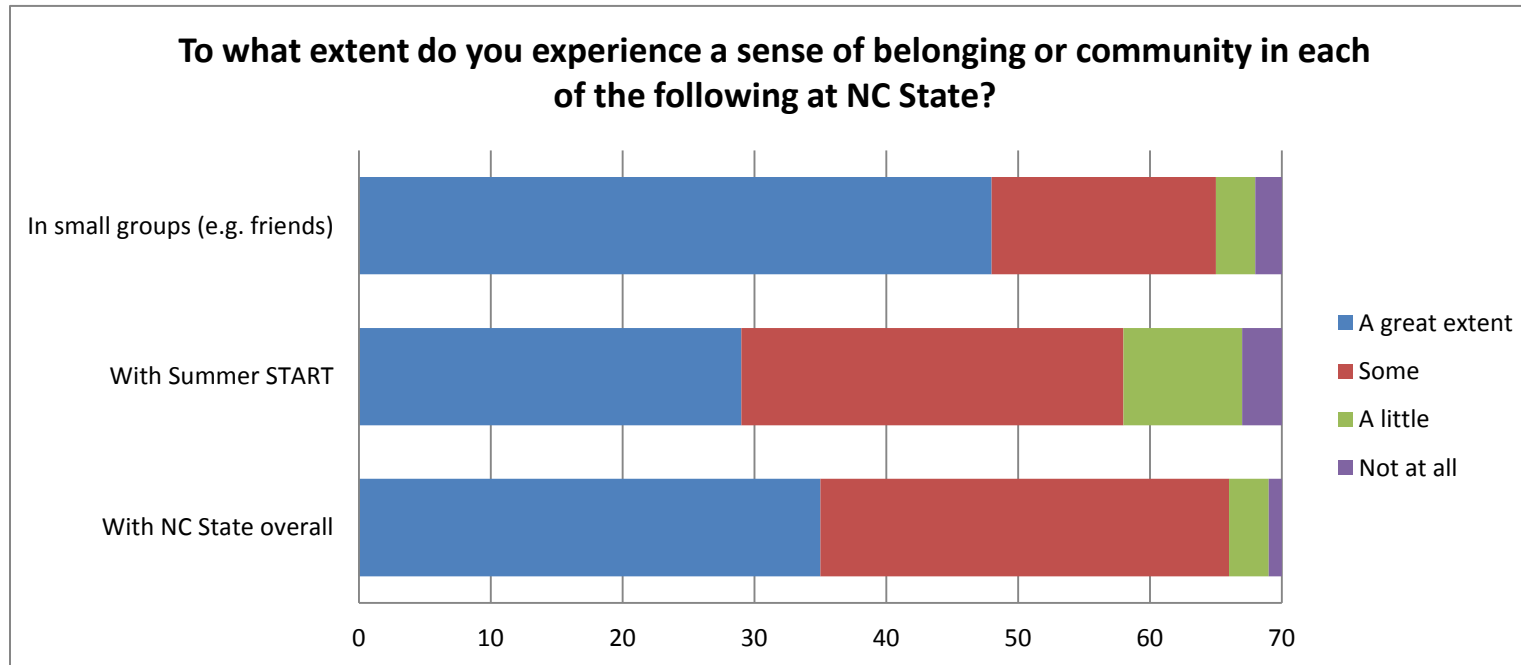
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Campus Involvement

A total of 41 events were offered throughout Summer START in collaboration with campus partners and resources aimed at helping student acclimate to NC State's campus and build a strong sense of community and belonging. Our events had an average attendance of 23 students. Important campus partners included:

• Counseling Center	• Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service
• Career Development Center	• University Recreation
• University Housing	• Sustainability Office

Most highly attended events included weekly cookouts, RA hall programs, community service trips and Mentor led programs.



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Student Feedback

92.8% of students agree that Summer START was a success.

95.2% of students state that, through this experience, they know what is expected of them to succeed in college.

90.4% of students feel confident about starting their freshman year.

*Data collected from Summer START 2016 Post Survey

Honestly, I feel like I would've drowned during the fall semester had I not done Summer Start. It gave me a better understanding of the classes and expectations for work. I learned how to navigate campus and I was able to do so in a smaller environment than I would have had in the fall. It was easier for me to make mistakes with less people around and that helped me so much.

-Life Sciences First Year Student

This program has acted as a transition stage for me. By connecting with a MUCH smaller population of roughly 200, I now feel comfortable enough with the people I know to go out and make additional connections, especially as I now see how interactions in college can be different than those in high school. The program provides an excellent source of information and help from current NC State students from a variety of disciplines, cultural/socioeconomic/religious/identity backgrounds. Especially as someone who finally had the courage to go on a journey of self-discovery, the advice and knowledge I came into contact with was SO helpful in getting ready to deal with academic, social, and romantic situations over the next coming years.

-College of Sciences Student

I think Summer START was very successful because I really feel like I have a grip on my freshman year already. The transition would have been so much harder had I come for the first time in the Fall. I think it gave me a chance to meet new people, become acquainted with campus, and learn how to handle my work load before the Fall. I absolutely would recommend Summer START. I would tell them how much it helped me and how crucial it was to my success freshman year and so on.

-College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student

It gave me the hands on experience that allowed me to adjust to living on my own. I was able to set my own rules and learn for myself what works and what doesn't, while I had a group of mentors willing to help me. I established life long friendships that positively influenced my academics and college adjustment. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to do something that is going to benefit me these next four years.

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-College of Engineering Student

I overall felt like my transition from high school to college will be much easier. Some of the Summer START events were focused on stress management, classes, career services which helped me a lot to my transition at NCSU. I would recommend Summer START to anyone who wants to get ahead in classes and would like to be prepared for college.

-Exploratory Studies Student

I think Summer START was crucial to my transition to NCSU. I made connections with people on campus and got used to college life before the fall semester.

-College of Engineering Student

Summer START is a great experience, especially for the students that are from another state. The opportunity to meet new people really helps with the transition. It was an eye opening experience, preparing me for the workload and the study time necessary to be successful.

-College of Management Student

It made me realize I chose the right college for what I wanted. It really calmed my nerves about any worries I had about college.

-College of Natural Resources Student

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